

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 333

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Laurence V. Plummer, Sr., on being named top representative in the John Hancock Financial Network's Achieving Client Excellence program.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those estimable Tennesseans who have distinguished themselves as leaders in their respective fields through their diligence and commitment to the highest ethical standards; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Laurence V. Plummer, Sr., and on March 23, 2009, Mr. Plummer was honored as the top representative in the John Hancock Financial Network's (JHFN) Achieving Client Excellence (ACE) program in a ceremony held at the Fontainebleau Miami Beach Resort in Miami, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the founder and Chief Executive Officer of Plummer Financial Services in Memphis, Mr. Plummer has received the award in each of the eight prior years and is well-known for the peerless professionalism, respect, integrity, and real value he has consistently shown his clients. He is the only African-American to receive the honor in the 140-year history of John Hancock; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being named the ACE top representative, Laurence Plummer received his nineteenth Chairman's Council Award during the ceremony; and

WHEREAS, under his capable leadership, Plummer Financial Services has prospered tremendously, assisting over four thousand clients in meeting their financial goals; its diverse clientele includes National Football League and National Basketball League players, doctors, lawyers, pastors, gospel artists, entrepreneurs, and families; and

WHEREAS, among his other distinctions, Laurence Plummer is a Life Member of the Million Dollar Round Table, an association of the world's most successful life insurance and

financial services professionals; Mr. Plummer has qualified for inclusion in this elite club for twenty-one years; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, Mr. Plummer received a listing in the *Who's Who in Finance and Industry*, a catalogue of America's most noteworthy business people; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Plummer became the first African-American to be inducted into Life Membership in the JHFN President's Cabinet in 1998; the position requires a representative to be qualified as a top JHFN performer for no less than ten years; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, Laurence Plummer became one of only nine representatives in the nation to qualify for the JHFN's Chairman's Council, and of those nine top performers, Mr. Plummer was the only African-American representative; and

WHEREAS, for his record of financial acumen and astounding success, he was inducted into John Hancock's Hall of Fame in 2002; and

WHEREAS, although he has received many awards and much recognition, and his success must surely be a source of great satisfaction, Mr. Plummer consistently demonstrates that his true aim is the success of his clients, with whom he builds solid relationships based on trust and integrity; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Laurence Plummer for his dedication to his clients and their financial success, which surely contributes to the prosperity of this State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Laurence V. Plummer, Sr., on being named top representative in the John Hancock Financial Network's Achieving Client Excellence program and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.